Senate Bill No. 425

Senate, April 7, 1998. The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 14-227f of the 2 general statutes is repealed and the following is 3 substituted in lieu thereof:

- 4 (a) Any person whose motor vehicle operator's 5 license or nonresident operating privilege is 6 suspended under subsection (h) of section 14-227a 7 for a conviction of a [second or subsequent] 8 violation of subsection (a) of said section or 9 under section 14-227b for a second or subsequent 10 time shall participate in a treatment program 11 approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. 12 The commissioner shall not reinstate the 13 operator's license or nonresident operating 14 privilege of any such person until such person 15 submits evidence to the commissioner that he has 16 satisfactorily completed the treatment program.
- 17 TRA COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 23 NAY 0 JF C/R JUD 18 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 39 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 425

STATE IMPACT Minimal Workload Increase, see

explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Motor Vehicles

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

As the result of the passage of this bill, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will send out more notices, within available resources, to motorists with first convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Approximately, 2,000 individuals will be affected by this legislation. The DMV outsources the treatment program and each violator pays \$800 to participate in the program. Thus, no direct costs on the DMV are anticipated.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 425

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SUMMARY: This bill requires a driver whose license or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended because of first conviction for driving under the

influence of alcohol or drugs to satisfactorily complete a Department of Motor Vehicles-approved alcohol and drug addiction treatment program as a prerequisite to restoration of license or driving privileges. Currently, participation in the program is required only after a second such conviction. The bill leaves unchanged the requirement for program participation after a second administrative suspension resulting from a "per se" violation (a blood-alcohol test result of .10% or above) or for a test refusal under the implied consent law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference Yea 23 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report Yea 39 Nay 0